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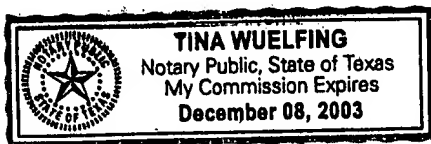
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report was developed by the agency tasked with the international preliminary examination and is being transmitted to the applicant pursuant to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT includes 5 pages in all including this cover sheet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Furthermore, ATTACHMENTS accompany the report. They are pages with descriptions, claims, and/or drawings which were changed and are based on this report, and/or pages with corrections done before this agency (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Management Guidelines for the PCT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">These attachments include 35 pages in all.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains specifications concerning the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> No development of an opinion concerning novelty, inventive activity, and commercial applicability IV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient unity of the invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantiated finding according to Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive activity, and commercial applicability; documents and explanations in support of this finding VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain cited documents VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain deficiencies in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain notes concerning the international application 		
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I. Basis of the report

1. 1. With regard to the components of the international application (*Replacement pages that were submitted to the filing office in response to a request pursuant to Article 14 are considered "originally submitted" in the context of this report and are not appended to it, because they do not contain any amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17):*

Specification, pages:

1-3, 3a-3b, 4-26 submitted on March 23, 2001 with letter of March 23, 2001

Claims, No.:

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Drawings, sheets:

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2. With regard to the language: All the above-mentioned components were available to the authority in the language in which the international application had been submitted, or they were submitted in that language, unless information to the contrary is given under this point. The components were available to the authority in the language, or were submitted in this language, namely

the language of the translation, which was submitted for the purposes of the international search (pursuant to Rule 23.1 (b)).

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3. With regard to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence protocol which:

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was submitted together with the international application in a computer readable form.

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was subsequently submitted to the authority in a computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently submitted written sequence protocol does not go beyond the disclosure content of the international application at the time of the application was submitted.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form corresponds to the written sequence protocol was submitted.

4. Because of the amendments, the following documents have been removed:

☐ Specification Pages:

☐ Claims No.:

☐ Drawings Sheets:

5. ☐ This report was prepared without taking account of (some of) the amendments since, in the view of the agency, these go beyond the disclosure in the originally submitted version, for the reasons stated (Rule 70.2(c)):

6. Any other remarks:

IV. Lack of unity of the invention

1. Upon the request to limit the claims or to pay additional fees, the applicant has:

limited the claims.

☒ paid additional fees.

paid additional fees with opposition.

neither limited the claims nor paid additional fees.

2. The authority has noted that the requirement of unity of the invention has not been fulfilled, and pursuant to Rule 68.1 it has decided not to request that the applicant limit the claims or pay additional fees.

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3. The authority is of the opinion that the requirement of unity of the invention according to Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3

☒ has been met

has not been met for the following reason:

4. Therefore, for the preparation of this report, an international preliminary examination was carried out for the following parts of the international application:

☒ all parts.

the parts which pertain to Claims No.

V. Substantiated determination per Article 35(2) regarding novelty, inventive step and commercial applicability; documents and statements to support the determination

1. Determination

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-27 No: Claims
Inventive step(IS)	Yes: Claims 1-27 No: Claims
Commercial applicability (CA)	Yes: Claims 1-27 No: Claims

**2. Documents and statements
see appendix**

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On point V

Reasoned statement pursuant to Article 35(2) with regard to the novelty, the inventive activity and the susceptibility of industrial application; documents and explanations in support of this determination

1. Although documents D1-D4 describe differently designed supports in the CD disc format for the immunological analysis as well as methods for their preparation and their use, see

- D1, Figures 1-3, page 2/line 22 – page 3/line 2, page 6/line 18 – page 7/line 13, page 7/lines 17-23, page 10/line 16 – page 11/line 20, page 12/lines 7-13 and page 14/lines 5-18;
- D2, page 5/last paragraph – page 6/second paragraph, page 7/second and last paragraph/ page 8/last paragraph – page 9/first paragraph, page 15/second paragraph – page 16/second paragraph, page 17/last paragraph – page 21/first paragraph;
- D3, page 9/lines 15-37, page 10/lines 32-37, page 20/line 27 – page 26/line 16, page 32/lines 17-27, page 62/lines 31-34, Claims 18-26, 31 and 33;
- D4, Figure 1 and page 4/line 1 – page 5/line 7 and Claims 1-18,

the application of the reflector in the form of a reflecting layer, which is applied on the substrate (3) over the detection fields (5,7) (Claims 1 and 18) as well as the application of a planar magnetic layer (Claim 23) are not disclosed or obviously suggested according to the current state of knowledge by any of the cited oppositions.

2. Claims 1-27 therefore satisfy the prerequisites pursuant to Article 33(2)-(4) PCT.

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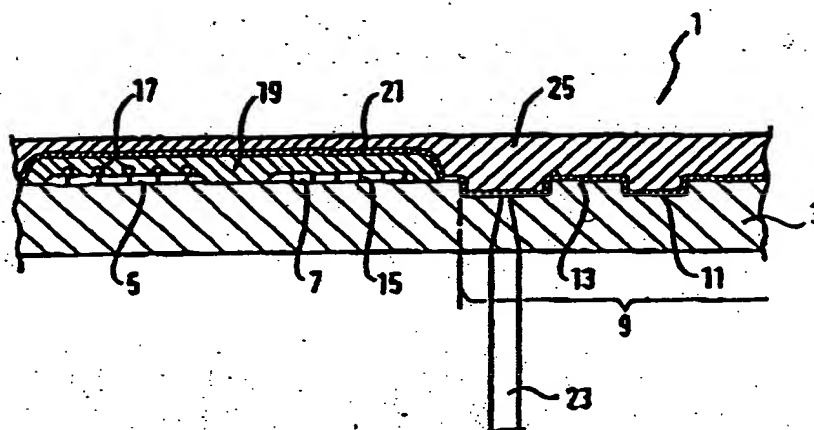
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The invention relates to a method of detecting analytes in a sample. According to said method, analyte-specific binders (15) are immobilized on a plurality of detection fields (5, 7) on one of the planar faces of a disk-shaped substrate (3). The sample is contacted with said detection fields (5, 7) and the presence or/and the quantity of the analytes (17) to be detected is determined by optically evaluating the detection fields (5, 7). According to the invention, a substrate (3) is used that is produced from an optically transparent material. The detection fields (5, 7)

are arranged along at least one spiral line (27) distributed across the substrate (3). After the sample has been contacted with the detection fields (5, 7), a reflecting layer (21) is finally applied on the substrate (3) on the planar face carrying the detection fields (5, 7). Alternatively, a magnetic read-out of the substrate can be made instead of the optical read-out.



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